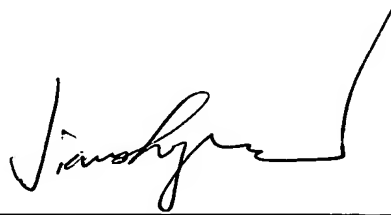


**REMARKS**

Claims 12-41 are canceled as being drawn to non-elected inventions without prejudice to filing divisional applications containing the same. Eleven (11) Claims (claims 1-11) are pending.

Should the Examiner believe that a discussion with Applicants' representative would further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees which may be required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-2965.

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